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1. A train arriving in Prenzlau (N 54/Q 04) between 23 and 26 January 1950 was loaded with tanks and boxes containing small arms, mainly submachine guns. During a ceremony in late January 1950, the small arms were handed over by Soviet Lt Col Ivetsenko to Oberpolizeirat May of the Volkspolizei unit in the former Infanterie Kaserne on Alsenstrasse.
2. The Volkspolizeischule Brandenburg and the 3d Volkspolizeibereitschaft Brandenburg (3.V.P.B.) were identified in the kasernes on the southern edge of the former airfield of Prenzlau between late-January and 12 February 1950. The two police units had an estimated strength of 1,800. It was learned that training with heavy mortars, machine guns, Model 44 submachine guns and carbines was conducted at the Volkspolizeischule Brandenburg.

The following information was obtained on the 3d Volkspolizeibereitschaft B randenburg:

a. Personnel :

Volkspolizeirat Malschin, CO

Glagau, PK-Leiter

Volkspolizeirat Herzer, Einsatzleiter (Operations Officer)

Volkspolizeirat Heimi, Ausbildungsleiter (Training Officer)

Volkspolizeimeister Zoellner, CO of 1st Kommando

Volksolizeikommissar Logalla, CO of 2d Kommando

Volkspolizeikommissar Rummelt (or Rumlt), CO of 3d Kommando)

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Volkspolizeikommissar Fischer, SED (Socialist Unity Party),
Secretary
A Soviet liaison officer whose name was never mentioned.

b. Armaments:

Ten mortars
3 machine guns of Maxim 08 type
6 machine guns of model 34
250 carbines
50 assault rifles
20 rapid-fire rifles

c. Training:

Orientation by compass
Engineer training (mining and demolition of roads)
Tactical field training at company level
Infantry training at squad and platoon level

The outdoor training was conducted in the area of the former airfield. No joint exercises with Soviet units have been held.

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Comment :

Nothing could be learned about the commitment in Southeast Europe of German Volkspolizei personnel.

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the units mentioned are stationed in the following kasernes :

a. Volkspolizei-Kasernen (also called "Kasernen") on Eisenstrasse (also called "Kasernen").

b. Volkspolizeischule in the kaserne on Angermuenderstrasse,

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